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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 21st and 23rd meetings, on 14 and 23 December 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the revised budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/71/599);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/71/676).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/71/L.18

4. At its 23rd meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" (A/C.5/71/L.18), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Mexico.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/71/L.18 without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] A/C.5/71/SR.21 and A/C.5/71/SR.23.

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of 12 months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 2284 (2016) of 28 April 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 30 June 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/272 of 17 June 2016,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 November 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 25.8 million United States dollars, representing some 0.4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 75 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every

[1] A/71/599.
[2] A/71/676.

possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as with regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to settle all the outstanding claims with regard to death and disability compensation and to report thereon in his next report;

12. *Also recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to implement the programmatic activities, as mandated, and to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made to transfer the residual activities of the Operation to the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and the United Nations country team, as appropriate, and to report thereon in the context of the final performance report;

13. *Further recalls* paragraph 31 of its resolution 70/286, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to fully comply with the relevant rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, the United Nations environmental and waste management policy and procedures, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Operation takes effective measures to reduce its environmental footprint during its closure, including the restoration of premises to their original status, as appropriate, while absorbing the associated costs;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and emphasizes the importance of the Operation's quick-impact projects, in particular the facilitation and strengthening of social cohesion and national reconciliation, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure their timely implementation and to report thereon;

15. *Stresses* the important contribution of experienced staff, in particular the national staff, during the draw-down and the liquidation of the Operation;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to rigorously pursue and complete the liquidation of assets, as planned, in accordance with regulation 5.14 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] including engaging with the authorities regarding potential donations and taking account of lessons learned, and to report thereon in the context of the final performance report;

17. *Commends* the efforts undertaken to prepare national staff for the transition to future professional careers outside the Operation by conducting training and hosting job fairs, and requests the Secretary General to continue his efforts and to report on progress made in this regard in the context of the final performance report;

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 171,937,848 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of the amount of 153,046,000 dollars previously authorized for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2016 under the terms of its resolution 70/272;

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19. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 153,046,000 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 70/272 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2016, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 18,891,848 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

20. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,075,400 dollars, representing the balance of the estimated staff assessment income of 4,802,700 dollars approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 30 June 2017;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as

[1] ST/SGB/2013/4.

appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to keep under review, during its seventy-first session, the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".